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SUBJ: WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS
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1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS IN REFS, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE WITH CESAR SALAZAR CUERVO, DIRECTOR GENERAL IN INSTITUTO DE COMERCIO EXTERIOR, AND FERNANDO GERBASI, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, ICE. DURING DISCUSSION SALAZAR AND GERBASI RAISED THE STANDARD GOV POSITION THAT THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS QUESTION AND PROGRESS ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNCS SHOULD BOTH SHOW PROGRESS. SINCE NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON DRAFTING CODE OF CONDUCT, THIS MADE PROGRESS ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS HARDER TO ACHIEVE. HAVING SAID THIS, BOTH HASTENED TO VICE VENEZUELA'S INTEREST IN AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT ITSELF, AND ADDED THAT GOV WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING JAN 23 MEETING.

2. GERBASI HAD DOUBTS THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD, CITING:
A THE LACK OF A CHAIRMAN AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF PARSI
(VENEZUELAN HAS NO DESIRE TO ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP); AND
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B THE NEED FOR A MINIMUM OF FOUR PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH AREA AND
THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS

THE AFRICAN DEMAND REGARDING THE TNCS IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE MET.
ACCORDING TO SALAZAR CUERVO AND GERBASI, THE AFRICANS CONSIDER SOME
TNC ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE SENSE OF
CERTAIN UN RESOLUTIONS AND WANT SPECIAL CENSURE OF THE TNCS INVOLVED.

3. IF THE MEETING DOES MATERIALIZE, THREE OFFICIALS FROM CARACAS WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND, TWO ICE OFFICIALS (GERBASI AND GABALDON), AND MR SOTO FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY WOULD BE ASSISTED BY MR CAMACHO IN THE GOV MISSION TO THE UN.

4. DURING MEETING EMBOFFS ALSO SUMMARIZED CONTENT OF FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACITICES ACT OF 1977 AND DREW ATTENTION TO STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER ON SIGNING BILL INTO LAW.
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